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RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS FRONK TO QUESTION POSED AT HEARINGS

(October 17, 1997)

The United States Postal Service hereby files this response of witness Fronk to a question posed by the Office of the Consumer Advocate at the hearings on October 8, 1997 (Tr. 4/1686-87).

The question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tr. 4/1686-87.

Q: Can you tell me whether any Postal Service equipment at the present time, in particular the facer cancelers that cancel First-Class Mail, whether they can detect pieces that weigh more than one ounce?

Response:

I am informed that the AFCS does not distinguish mail pieces on the basis of weight.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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